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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS

1. IF AMBASSADOR CONCURS, DEPT. WILL FORWARD HIS LETTER
OF FEBRUARY 7, WITH ENCLOSURES, TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WITH
THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. ENCLOSURES 14 AND 20 WILL BE CLASSIFIED LOU;

B. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF ENCLOSURE 4 WILL READ:

"THERE IS A MODEST NUMBER OF U.S. MULTINATIONAL
CORPORATIONS OPERATING IN ZAIRE AS WELL AS A SOMEWHAT
LARGER NUMBER OF COMPANIES, COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES AND
INDEPENDENT BUSINESSMEN WHO COMPRISE THE AMERICAN BUSINESS
COMMUNITY. ATTACHED IS A COPY OF OUR RECENTLY COMPILED
DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN FIRMS, WHICH LISTS SOME OF THEIR
MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL (AMERICAN, THIRD-COUNTRY, AND
ZAIRIAN). THE LIST IS ANNOTATED TO SHOW THE ACTIVITIES
ENGAGED IN BY THE FIRMS. WE DO NOT HAVE THE ADDITIONAL
DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THESE FIRMS WHICH YOU REQUESTED.

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FOR THIS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ADVISED ME THAT IT

WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR YOU TO WRITE DIRECTLY TO THE FIRMS
CONCERNED."

2. COMMENT: SOLICITING INFORMATION FROM FIRMS ON
CONGRESSMAN'S BEHALF WOULD BE BURDENSOME PRECEDENT WHICH
DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH TO ESTABLISH. ALSO, BELIEVE IT
APPROPRIATE FOR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, SOME OF WHICH
MAY BE CONSIDERED PRIVILEGED BY COMPANIES, TO COME
DIRECTLY FROM ULTIMATE END-USER. KISSINGER

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